



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter August 27, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org



Fall small groups and studies are almost here! We held sign-ups this past week and will have more opportunities this coming Sunday to sign up for various ways to grow in faith and life here at Bluff Park UMC. We are also attempting to build some new groups, but they do require you to bring some friends together. Life Groups are gatherings that include honest conversations from all participants on a Bible study or book study. These groups can meet weekly or bi-weekly in any location. Common Tables are another option for a group of friends.

These groups also include honest conversation but have a little more freedom in how frequently they meet. Common Tables have to occur around a meal (in a home preferably). If you are interested in starting one of these groups, please feel free to contact any of the pastors and we will assist you in getting started!

We are challenging each and every person at Bluff Park UMC to also become committed to prayer and Scripture reading this fall. You will find the LIFETRACK prayer and Scripture readings in each week's worship bulletin, online at bluffparkumc.live, or in this newsletter! We invite you to read along and share your thoughts in your Sunday school class or small group. You can also enhance your study by purchasing a journal and focusing on four areas in your quiet time with God: 1) Scripture reading, 2) observation, 3) application, 4) prayer. You can write about these four things in your journal each and every day!

Growing in faith and love requires us to have a deep and meaningful relationship with God. And the best way to have that relationship is to spend quality time with God each and every day! Let's join in the journey together!

Mike

BPUMC BLOCK PARTY SAVE THE DATE

On October 1st, from 4:00-6:00pm, we will be hosting a party—the 2017 BPUMC Block Party!

There will be free hotdogs, chips and drinks; carnival games and prizes, inflatables, a Velcro wall, a race car train, music, face painting and a Fun Run! This is a fun free community event which is a perfect opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors.



News of the Week



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES!

During the month of August we are putting together Christmas Shoe Boxes to be distributed to children throughout Latin America at Christmas time. The Shoe Boxes have small items that many of the children our missionaries work with have a hard time getting. The list of needed materials is provided when you pick up a box. We provide the boxes and you can get them in the Narthex on Sunday morning. This is a project in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief and our United Methodist missionaries working in the region. Shoeboxes must be returned to the church by August 31st!

AUGUST SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

During the month of August, Bluff Park UMC is doing a school supply drive for local schools! This is a way to help with needed resources for our Little Imaginations preschool program and the Room 35226 project, which places healthy snacks, school supplies, clothing and shoes right in schools like Gwin, Bluff Park and Simmons! The school counselors make sure that any child with a need finds their way to Room 35226 supplies! A list of donation needs is available at

the welcome center and on the church website. Drop off your donations in the church office or the Room 35226 drop-off bin.

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT

The 55+ and Friends ministry at BPUMC is sponsoring a concert featuring Dr. Joseph and Suzanne Hopkins. Dr. Joseph Hopkins is Dean of the School of Arts at Samford University. Joe, a baritone, and his wife Suzanne, a soprano, are gifted vocalists who desire to use their talents in worship and presenting great music of varied styles. Come and enjoy their exquisite talent as they share popular, Broadway, classical, traditional and contemporary songs. Invite a neighbor or friend for an inspiring evening! Reception following the performance in the Church Parlor.

TABLE OF HOPE - URBAN MINISTRY

Urban Ministry has expressed gratitude for the many ways that Bluff Park UMC has supported their ministries in West End. They are holding the Annual Table of Hope on September 21st downtown. Individuals tickets are available for purchase at the event website:

www.tableofhope.swellgives.com

2017 ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates left on the 2017 Flower Calendar. Please sign up to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. We have two arrangements each Sunday. Dates available include: September 3, 17, and October 15, 22, and 29. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Robert Weaver—VA
Sam Prudhomme—UAB



2017 BPUMC Fun Run for Neverthirst

Put on your running shoes and help provide clean water to people who need it.

On Sunday, October 1, we are holding a one-mile Fun Run here in Bluff Park. This event is open to the whole family - all ages can join in! The early registration fee is \$20 up until September 17th. Early registration guarantees you a t-shirt in your size. You can also register on the day of the event. Net proceeds from this event go to support Neverthirst.

Sign-in, t-shirt pick-up and on-site registration will take place in the church parking lot at 4:00pm, and the run starts at 5:30pm. The church Block Party will also be going on at this time, so come early to enjoy the free events and food!

Visit BluffParkUMC.org/funrun to register for this event.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS: We will present Bibles to all children who have entered the 3rd grade on Sunday, September 10th. If your child plans on participating that Sunday, please let us know which service they will be attending and give us their full names by contacting Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org?

ACOLYTE TRAINING: On Wednesday, August 30th, there will be a new acolyte training meeting for elementary students, 3rd grade or older, who would like to serve as acolytes in our Sunday morning worship services this Fall. This training will be held from 6:00-6:20 in the Sanctuary. This is a great way for children to serve in their church! If your child cannot be there on Wednesday night, please contact Stanley Davidson at sdavidson@bpumc.org, and he will be happy to train your child at another time that works best for you!

MIDWEEK MEETUP: Midweek Meetup happens every Wednesday Night from 5:00-7:30. While our Nursery/Preschool aged children's schedule will remain the same as last year (drop off anytime after 5:30 in the Preschool Hall, where the children will enjoy music, Bible time, and recreation!), we have changed our Elementary aged children's schedule at Midweek Meetup to allow children more time to eat with their families. The new Elementary Schedule is as follows: 5:00-6:00 Dinner in Fellowship Hall, 6:00-6:30 Choir in Hudson Hall, 6:30-7:15 Bible Study/Story Time in Children's Wing, 7:15-7:30 Recreation on Playground or Gym.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This Sunday will be our Elementary Mission Sunday, where we will be making cards for our Little Imaginations Preschool teachers and finishing up our paintings for the walls in Hudson Hall.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: During the months of September and October (and this Sunday!) we will be learning what it means to be a follower of Jesus! This week's topic is "As a Follower of Jesus, I Will Pray for Others!"

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY EMAIL: If you would like to start receiving our Children's Weekly Email to find out all of the fun and exciting things that are going on in the Children's Ministry at BPUMC, please email Melissa Hendon!

STUDENT MINISTRY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 5:00PM: ULTIMATE FRISBEE NIGHT Meet us at the Bluff Park Elementary School playground where we'll play ultimate frisbee. Don't know how to play? No problem. We'll teach you! We will close with a short devotion and end at 7pm.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 6:30PM: HOLY GROUND WORSHIP The Youth Wing is open after school for all 6th-12th graders who want to come hang out, eat dinner together, play games, or do homework. Then we'll worship together in the Holy Ground Room. Our monthly worship theme will focus on keeping faith first and foremost as we head back to school. Optional small groups will begin in September.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we move further into 2017: fun weekly events, big trips and more. You can keep track of things via your smartphone or tablet by going to your app store and downloading our free app. Just search the key words Youth Wing to find it.

SAVE THESE DATES Thursday-Friday, November 9-10: *One Night for the Homeless*, Friday-Sunday, November 17-19: *Fall Retreat at Sumatanga*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27th, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, August 27th, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, August 27th, 5:00pm	Ultimate Frisbee Night
Wednesday, August 30th, 4:30pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, August 30th, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

55+ AND FRIENDS

BEGINNING COMPUTER: This class is taught by Pat Goff of Technology with a Twist 4 PM in the Seekers Classroom.

TECHNOLOGY TECH: BPUMC Youth will meet you in the Fireside Room at 5 PM to personally assist you with your cell phone, iPad, laptop or other technology.

INTERIOR DESIGN: Taught by our own, Joan Dunn. Learn the basics of great interior design.

COMMUNITY CONCERT: Sunday Afternoon, September 24th Concert ~ Dr. Joseph and Suzanne Hopkins, Dean School of the Arts Samford University ~ will perform a variety of vocal variations. You are invited to enjoy these exquisite vocalists for your enjoyment and inspiration. Free Event. Reception in Parlor to Follow! Sign up with Fran at the Welcome Center.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

August 31	Dolores Hydock, Actress, Storyteller, Yale Grad ~ Shares Stories of Aging
September 7	Ellen Seltz, Actress and Published Writer ~ Tells about her Mystery Novels and how she creates them.
September 14	London: A City for the Ages - Niki Sapsas, Tour Guide and Historian will show us London.
September 21	Audrey Lindquist, Television Fashion Consultant ~ Latest Men and Women's fashions for Fall
September 28	Dr. Jacqueline Leary-Warsaw, BSC Music Professor, Host of EWTN's "In Concert" and Dr. Jeremy Grall, Guitarist and Musicologist @ BSC will perform together.



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The Week of August 27—September 2

Sunday, August 27
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
3:00 pm Strategic Implementation Team
5:00 pm Board of Stewards

Monday, August 28
9:30 am UMW Hope-Love Circles
10:00 am Prayer Shawl
10:00 am UMW Joy Circle

Wednesday, August 30
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Holy Strollers
6:30 pm Sunday's Sermon Unpacked
6:30 pm What's Your Story
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, August 31
9:30 am Shepherd's Center

SUNDAY, August 27, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
James 1:1-8
"Who Am I Becoming? Keep On"
Rev. Mike Holly

Daily Scripture Readings
Sunday - Galatians 3:23-4:7 and Psalm 147
Monday - Mark 13:14-27
Tuesday - Mark 13:28-37
Wednesday - Mark 14:1-11
Thursday - Mark 14:12-26
Friday - Psalm 22
Saturday - Psalm 116

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Montz 11:00 Lawson
Acolyte
8:45 Ella Bowles 11:00 Rebecca Rice
Greeters: New Horizons
Meal on Wheels: Wesson/Brown
Food Pantry September 6th: Sumners
Midweek Volunteers
Woodie Comer, John Whitcomb, Marcia Bearden, Julie White, Gene Glass, Joy Schultz, Tina Hardy, Betsy Guy
Midweek Meetup August 30th: Menu - Spaghetti, corn on the cob, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Chicken fingers for the kids.

Last Week's Record

August 20, 2017

Children/Youth	100/62
Morning Worship	450
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$17,476.55
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$922,658.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$944,478.17
New Members in 2017	21

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN
January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$2,590.33
Received to Date	\$352,908.64

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**
Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY
1st Wednesday each month
We are serving 200+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!

VALET PARKING
Every Sunday morning! Drive to the covered entrance near the nursery and Fellowship Hall.